

# Parish of Saint John

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Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am

**Baptisms:** Please email the parish office.

**Marriage:** Please email the parish office one year before.

**Reconciliation:**

Saturdays - 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

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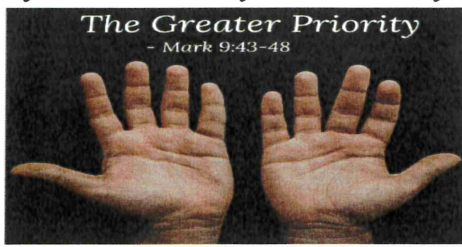
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**Please Register with the Parish**  
so we can assist you.



**PRAY THE ROSARY**

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**Reflection:** In our scripture readings for this weekend, we can see a similarity between the message in our first reading and our gospel. In the first reading two men who were left in the camp, began to prophesy.

In the gospel someone was driving out demons who was not among the crowd following Jesus. We are being shown that it is God who is in Control and not us.

The Holy Spirit will go wherever the Holy Spirit chooses. We are being presented on the True Meaning of being a Disciple for Jesus. Discipleship is lived by our "Behaviour" rather than by our being identified with a particular group.

It is by "How we Act" in everyday life that is crucial to being a true disciple. We heard very extreme words in today's gospel telling us to turn away or root out anything that is not consistent with acting in Jesus' name.

We are being challenged today to take a few moments at the end of each day to reflect on anything, no matter how small, that we chose, which is not in line with our Catholic Teaching. Any action or attitude that limits the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit must be eliminated or "cut off".

Being a true disciple for Jesus demands radical choices about how we relate to each other. We are warned in today's readings that it will be by "All" of our actions that others are able to experience the full power of the Holy Spirit.

May we always remain totally focused on Jesus' Mission and be ready to "cut off any sinful behaviour" that is choking the Power of the Holy Spirit at work in our Souls. Peace and God Bless.

.....Deacon John



We welcome the newest member of our parish family:

Xavier Robert Walker



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need us. Contact the office if you wish to begin using envelopes or for more information on our Pre Authorized giving (PAG). Alternatively, scan the QR code and the link will take you to our "Donate" button on our website where you can donate through your credit card; select "St. John's Parish, Toronto" in the drop down menu.

	2023	2024
Sunday Offertory	\$ 3425	\$3320
Offertory PAG:	\$ 1421	\$1444



**HEALING AND RECONCILIATION:** Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>, provides an

opportunity for all Canadians to reflect and honour Survivors of residential schools and those who support them. In a special way, we remember the children that never returned home. We recognize this painful history and, as a Catholic community, acknowledge our involvement in the residential school system. On this day, we pray, educate and advocate, looking for opportunities to discern how each one of us can participate in the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope. **INDIGENOUS HEALING & RECONCILIATION FUND COLLECTION:** On the weekend of October 5/6, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in the collection to support the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund. The collection is part of a national grassroots effort to assist healing and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples of This Land. The Archdiocese of Toronto has raised almost 50% of its \$6 million pledge with \$2.7 million in funds already allocated to support eight projects that focus on culture and language revitalization, education and community building, healing and reconciliation for communities and dialogue involving Indigenous elders, spiritual leaders and youth. Let us join together and follow the invitation of the Holy Father for each one of us to become engaged in the healing and reconciliation journey. Thank you for your generosity. For more information or to donate online, visit: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation).

**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, October 1st

For + JEAN ROBERT LEDUC  
Requested by Erin Rielly Clarke

Wednesday, October 2nd

For + MAUREEN LEONARD  
Requested by Miriam & Joe McManus

Thursday, October 3rd

For + LINDA BENEDETTI  
Requested by Steve Benedetti & Ethel Doyle

Friday, October 4th

For + JAMES & MARY MAILLOUX  
Requested by Maureen MacDonald

Saturday, October 5th

For + STEFANIE CAPUTO  
Requested by Renato & Linda

**Rest in Peace**

In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bob Olson



The Sanctuary Light burns this week for the intentions of

The DeCourcy Family

**Please Pray For The Sick**

Paul Holliday, Bree Tiffin, Gerry Genuino, Baby Isaiah Liam, Patrick O'Neill, Jacob McLean, & Christine Curran

In The News



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL: The Office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2025. St. Michael's College school is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open

House for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 17th & Tuesday October 22nd beginning at 7 pm. Please register at www.applySMCS.com. St. Michael's College School offers a generous Financial Assistance Programme that provides financial aid to qualifying students so don't count yourself out.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES A wide variety of programs and services are offered through Catholic Family Services of Toronto. Their counsellors "are prepared to work with the needs, strengths, values, and goals of individuals and families. We also recognise and sensitively respond to differences in cultural, racial, gender, and religious backgrounds of clients." Please call Tel: (416) 921-1163. You can also send an email to this email address: info@cfstoronto.com FEE FOR SERVICE: Counselling fees are charged according to a client's income level. No one is denied service because of his/her inability to pay fees." For more info go to: https://www.cfstoronto.com

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY PARISH: is inviting all interested parties to participate in the first Vendors Market taking place on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 am to 7 pm at the parking lot of the Church. For more information, please check the Church website or contact Karina. Funds from the event will be used for the renovation/replacement of the church's hall and washrooms. We hope to see you there! CONTACT: Karina PHONE: 416-559-6623 EMAIL: staugustineofcanterbury@archtoronto.org

VOCATIONS: Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416.968.0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org

Parish News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSES FOR LIFE SALE: will take place the weekend of October 5 & 6. Rose Tags will be offered after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday. The Knights look forward to your support of this event for the Pro Life Movement. Your donations are welcome. Please give generously! Life is God's gift!



LIFE CHAIN: is a prayerful witness to the sanctity of all human life. This peaceful and silent demonstration brings



awareness to the ongoing injustice of abortion and the harm it inflicts. Participants hold non-graphic signs at hundreds of locations across North American for one hour. Please join us this year at 1810 Queen St. East, from 2 to 3 with our neighbouring parish Corpus Christi.

Parish News Cont'd



INSTALLATION MASS FOR FR. JOSHUA: Join us as we celebrate the Installation Mass of Fr. Joshua Roldan on Sunday October 6th at the 11 am Mass. His Excellency, Robert Kasun, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto – Central Region, will be presiding the Eucharist.

Please join us in the hall for refreshments after the Mass. We promised information on what is to take place on the day in last week's bulletin but instead every family will receive a souvenir program outlining this special day.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The Children's Liturgy program will not be held next weekend October 6th, but will return Sunday October 13th at the 9 am Mass.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST

COMMUNION: registration is now open for registered parishioners of St. John's Parish with either Catholic School or public school students in Grades 2 or above. To begin the process please visit our website at www.stjohnsto.archtoronto.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

FOOD DRIVE: Beginning next weekend and runs until October 13th, you can participate by bringing non-perishable food items and dropping them off at the altar until Thanksgiving. Urgently needed items: rice, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes, soup & stews, mayonnaise, jams, granola bars, mustard beans, chickpeas, canned corn, breakfast cereals peanut butter. Donations will be delivered to the Good Shepherd Refuge.



JOIN US FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: On Friday October 4th, after the 8:15 am Mass. Share some prayers, hymns and quiet time adoring the Lord. Deepen your relationship with him; make him a greater priority in your life. All are welcome.

Please remember the ST. VINCENT DE PAUL poor box as you exit the church. Your donations help St. Vincent de Paul Society respond to needy families and individuals within our parish boundaries who are struggling to make ends meet.




Come join us in praying the ROSARY before Mass, Tuesday to Friday at 7:45 am

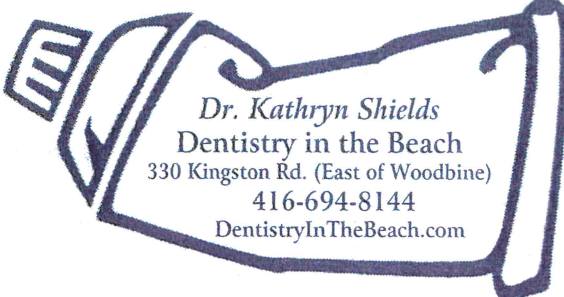
HAVE YOU MOVED? Are you a long time parishioner and moved recently or need to update your contact information, please put St. John's on your list to be notified. Email us at the office



Little Levity: Murphy had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He finally went to the doctor and was fitted for hearing aids that allowed Murphy to hear 100%. A month later Murphy went back to the doctor for a follow-up and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.' Murphy replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my Will three times! Peace begins with a smile.....Mother Teresa



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